TOWN OF EDGEWOOD RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT FOR THE 2010 CENSUS

WHEREAS, The Town of Edgewood is a member of the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), who represents local governments located within State Planning and Development District 2; and

WHEREAS, A decennial census of every resident is required under Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS. The Town of Edgewood is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, More than \$300 billion per year nationally in federal and state funding is allocated to communities based on census data, including funds for health-care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more; and

WHEREAS, Census data determines how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, All units of government, large and small corporations, non-profit organizations, religious organizations and local businesses of all sizes require accurate information on population and family size and income data for investment, job development and marketing guidance and to determine their impact of educational, health and social programs; and

WHEREAS, Individual and family information is held completely confidential by strong federal laws supported by consistent court rulings at all levels and is never released even to other units of local, state or federal governments except in large statistical totals, or to family members after 72 years for genealogical purposes only; and

WHEREAS, A united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census; and

WHEREAS, Census 2010 participation provides a historic opportunity for the Town of Edgewood to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico that it:

- a) Supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.
- b) Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
- c) Encourages membership and affiliates to participate in events and initiatives including Complete Count Committees that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.
- d) Will promote Census 2010 Jobs through The New Mexico Workforce Connection, North Central Region.
- e) Will use 2010 Census drop-in articles, messages and logos in newsletters, mailings, and other in-house communications.
- f) Will appoint a liaison to work with the Census Bureau.
- g) Will provide a link to the 2010 Census Web site from Town of Edgewood website.
- h) Will participate in 2010 Census partnership kick-off meetings.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of JANUARY, 2008.

Honorable Robert Stearley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Estefanie B. Muller, Clerk-Treasurer